

### August and December 2004 Patentability Arguments

It is respectfully asserted that the August-inserted "linearly-defined" limitation to Claims 1(amended) and 9(new) have antecedent basis in the 23 July 2003-filed drawing Figures 4, 5, and 7.

It is respectfully urged that 35 USCode 112 salient objections are hereabove meaningfully complied with.

### Disclosure of Applicants' Recent Searches

Co-Applicants' independent prior art searches, conducted prior to 4 June 2004, reveal nothing more relevant than the Examiners' primary reliance upon U. S. Patent #4998310 (Olson - 1991). Nevertheless, co-applicant-Conaway wishes the Examiners to become aware of Fogel's U. S. Patents numbers 4,077,074(1978) and 4,771,491(1988).

### Argument as to Patentability for Claim (new)

Applicants' sole remaining independent claim, Claim 9(new) is limitationally encumbered by:

"four (uninterruptedly) structurally-continuous resinous bars that are cornerwise intersect as linearly-defined mateable tongues-and-grooves". However, in direct counterdistinction as to Olson's disclosure:

Olson's all four elongate bars (32, 34, 36,38) are segmented therealong (as opposed to applicants' structurally-continuous bars); and Olson's cornerwise intersect as wholly curvably defined connections (as opposed to applicants' linearly-defined tongues-and-grooves).

In the latter regard, applicants' said structurally-continuous and linearly-defined limitations in Claim 1(amended) and in superceding Claim 9 (new) ensure that the thus four mutually co-restrained elongate resinous bars will readily and reliably snugly abut a bars'surroundable horizontal sleeping mattress.

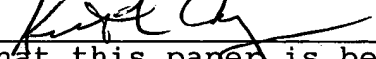
Accordingly, in view of the foregoing: it is sincerely  
asserted thatr Claim 9(new), and a fortiori, its dependent  
Claims nos. 2 (currently amended) and 3-8(original), represent  
novel and unobvious subject matter, for which patent protect-  
ion is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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